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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY

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SUBJECT: MODE STAFF REDUCTIONS

REF: STATE 185439

1. I HAVE REVIEWED THE STAFFING OF OTHER AGENCIES HERE
IN MEXICO, AND THE FOLLOWING ARE MY FINAL COMMENTS ON
PROPOSALS IN REFTEL:

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THE REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER AND THE REGIONAL BOOK OFFICE
CONTRIBUTE MARGINALLY TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE GOALS
AND OBJECTIVES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN MEXICO. WHILE
I UNDERSTAND THE RELUCTANCE OF ICA TO ELIMINATE THESE
FUNCTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH ICA, WILL HAVE
TO EVALUATE THE PRIORITIES VIS-A-VIS REGIONAL RESPONSI-
BILITIES. I CAN SEE MERIT IN MOVING THE RSC TO THE U.S.,
AND THEREBY REDUCING THE U.S. PRESENCE IN MEXICO. THE
FUNCTION OF THE REGIONAL BOOK OFFICE MIGHT WELL ALSO BE
PERFORMED IN THE U.S., OR ITS RESPONSIBILITIES CON-
SOLIDATED AT ANOTHER POST IN ARA OR IN SPAIN. ANOTHER
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POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO CONTRACT IN MEXICO FOR THE
SERVICES NOW PERFORMED BY THE REGIONAL BOOK OFFICE.

AGRICULTURE
I AGREE WITH THE BUREAU'S RECOMMENDATION TO REDUCE ONE
POSITION IN THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE'S OFFICE, AND SUPPORT
THE SUGGESTION OF THE SUBSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN SECRE-

TARIAL POSITION FOR ONE OF THE OFFICER POSITIONS.

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I AGREE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE DECISION TO ABOLISH ONE FBI AGENT IN MEXICO UNTIL AFTER THE INSPECTION IN MEXICO IS COMPLETED.

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CABLE INITIALLY REFERENCES "IMMIGRATION OFFICER - TIJUANA" BUT THEN GOES ON TO DISCUSS ELIMINATION OF TOP INS POSITION, THAT OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT MS. ANNIE GUTIERREZ HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS DISTRICT DIRECTOR AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMISSIONER. I SUPPORT THE ASSIGNMENT OF MS. GUTIERREZ. I BELIEVE THAT SHE WILL RENDER VALUABLE SERVICE IN FULFILLING HER DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES AND ALSO AS A MEMBER OF THE CONSULTATIVE WORKING GROUPS CONSIDERING UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS AND RELATED PROBLEMS. I THINK IT WOULD BE WISE TO CONSIDER INS STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AFTER MS. GUTIERREZ HAS REPORTED TO THE EMBASSY AND THE STAFFING NEEDS AND WORK ASSIGNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES ARE BETTER KNOWN.

2. I ASSUME THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE GORM AND IS CONSOLIDATING THESE WITH RECOMMENDED PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS MADE PREVIOUSLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S CONFIDENTIAL

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REVIEW OF MODE CEILINGS. I REALIZE THAT SEVERAL BUDGET EXERCISES ARE BEING CONDUCTED SIMULTANEOUSLY. SINCE THERE APPEARS TO BE CONSIDERABLE OVERLAPPING IN TERMS OF OBJECTIVES, I HOPE THAT THE CUTS THE EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY TAKEN AND THOSE PROPOSED ARE ALL BEING GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION. LUCEY

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